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AUSTRALIANS SMASH BARRIER Hill 614 Taken At Point Of Bayonet After 4-Day Hold-Up

COMMENT

Senator Taft's defeatist challenge to the Truman programme for augmenting American land forces in Europe went farther to the extreme of isolationism than was believed possible, particularly coming from one of the few in line hoping to succeed the President at the White House. Had the arguments adduced had sound basis, compelling attention, it may have been a cause for deep concern, but Senator Taft's mind was more occupied with assailing Truman initiative than with facts, and not surprisingly his case fell on very barren ground.

The real importance of the isolationist stand is its exposure of the presence in the United States of a hard core of retreat from responsibility. Many Americans appear to be in the midst of what it is fair to call a crisis of faith.

Those who, ten or more years ago, were most urgently demanding neutrality—they and their successors, the neo-isolationists—are today insisting the United States should curtail its commitments. They have seen crisis in Korea. They are fearful lest they be forced into a second venture in Europe without adequate preparation to meet the onslaught. They are in favour of a withdrawal to defensive positions, based on Britain on one side of the globe, and Japan and the Philippines on the other. Now as before they are afraid of the risks of the bold policy.

Fortunately, hesitations are rapidly diminishing. It is virtually certain that if, with General Eisenhower's help and pulling power, Western Europe rallies to the matching act of faith that is asked of them, Americans will not be slow in throwing their entire weight into the balance.

And that is essential. The peace of the world can only be secure when the United States is roused and ready to repel aggression. Then only can the unity and strength of the free world be enhanced. Then only can we establish firmly the foundations of lasting peace.

Chinese Communists Digging In On New Defence Line

Korean Front, Feb. 27.

Australian infantry, at the point of the bayonet, today captured "Hill 614," a 2,000-foot conical feature in the rugged country northeast of Chipyong.

From this hill the Chinese Communists, dug in strongly in defensive positions, had held up the advance of the Commonwealth Brigade for the past four days.

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Lin Fa
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Duchess Delight
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Flying Arrow
Outsider:—Countess Delight.

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Copper
Mustang
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Trigger
Henrietta
Hoi Polloi
Outsider:—Argus II.

British Aide For Eisenhower

London, Feb. 27.
Maj-General Sir Terence Airey of Britain, Allied Commander-in-Chief in the free territory of Trieste, will be named assistant Chief of Staff in General Dwight Eisenhower's Western European Army, reliable sources said today. They said his appointment as chief of intelligence for the Atlantic Army probably would be announced this week.—United Press.

A Brigade staff officer tonight said: "It was a very fine hill. The Australians showed considerable bravery."

The Australians attacked the hill at 8 a.m. after it had been subjected to a 24-hour continuous bombardment by New Zealand artillery and American heavy mortars.

The Australians clambered up the two precipitous razor-back ridges leading to the summit, often on their hands and knees, because of the steepness of the going, and in single file because of the narrowness of the ridges.

They inched forward steadily through a hail of heavy fire towards the Chinese Communist trenches.

Near the summit, the Communists rolled grenades down on them.

The Australians replied by lobbing grenades up the hill into the Chinese Communist positions.

The task was made more difficult by the low scrub which covered Hill 614, and in which the Communists took full advantage for concealment.

As the forward Australian troops closed in on the Communists, other troops in the rear shouted directions to them to indicate the Communist positions in the scrub.

After a five-hour fight, the Australians were in the Communist trenches. The Chinese Communists fled, leaving their dead behind them. Australian casualties, according to Brigade sources, were "very light."

DIGGING IN

Communist troops were digging themselves into defensive positions across the waist of Korea below the 38th Parallel today as mud and melting snow halted the United Nations seven-day-old offensive.

Australian and South Korean troops penetrated forward Communist positions at two points west of Hoengsong, and further to the east South Korean troops drove Chinese Communists from tactically important positions in the face of mortar and machine-gun fire.

Other South Korean troops seized high ground a mile and a half west of Hoengsong.

Elsewhere United Nations activity was mainly confined to patrols with artillery support, which engaged Communist troops at several points.

HEAVY TOLL

On the central front, United Nations air attacks took a heavy toll of 3,000 to 5,000 Communists dug in in the area of Yongburi, 45 miles east of Seoul.

The Communists have ringed the former South Korean capital with an estimated 20,000 trenches and gun emplacements. Air spotters reported that the Chinese Communists had dug a thousand more foxholes five miles southwest of Hongchan,

in the path of the western flank of the United Nations' central front advance.

The first Communist activity on the east coast for some time was reported today, with about 1,400 troops moving southwest just below the 38th Parallel.—Reuter.

Gillingham's Mayor Killed By Stepson

Rochester, Kent, Feb. 27.

Two hours after telling a bedside Court that his stepson had stabbed him in the stomach with a dagger, 63-year-old George Penfold, Mayor of Gillingham, died in hospital here today.

Doctors had fought to save Mr Penfold's life with blood transfusions as he gave evidence, heard by the stepson, Kenneth Windibank, aged 27, who was charged with attempted murder.

A doctor held the Mayor's pulse and moistened his lips as he told the Court, held by his bedside, how his stepson burst into his room early today while he and his wife lay in bed.

"He stabbed me in the stomach and I got out of bed and closed with him," Mr Penfold said, "I was handicapped because the wounds he had inflicted were taking their toll." "I managed to get the weapon from him at the top of the stairs. I went to the window and threw the dagger into the garden and called for help."

At this point a detective handed a nine-inch dagger to the Magistrate. The Mayor identified the weapon. Windibank was remanded in custody until Monday.—Reuter.

Flour For Tito

Belgrade, Feb. 27.

The first train-load of 7,000 tons of flour, shipped from the United States to famine-threatened Yugoslavia via the port of Salonika, crossed the Yugoslav-Greek border early today.—Reuter.

Vigorous Czech Purge

Prague, Feb. 27.

The Czech Communists followed up the arrest of the former Foreign Minister, Valdimir Clementis, by disclosing today the expulsion of 169,544 Communist Party members during the past year.

The deputy secretary general, Josef Frank, told a meeting of the Party Central Committee that 10 per cent of the members had been expelled in the third purge since 1945. He gave present membership at 1,518,144. The country has a population of 12,000,000.—United Press.

SHINWELL SON FINED HEAVILY

Mark Cross, Feb. 27.

Ernest Shinwell, 32, son of the Defence Minister, Emmanuel Shinwell, pleaded guilty today to violating building controls and was ordered to pay a fine of £2,000 or go to gaol for three months.

Shinwell and a local builder Oliver Piper, 32, were accused of building a house worth £4,500—twice the authorised limit—on Shinwell's farm here. Both pleaded not guilty at first but changed their pleas as the trial progressed.

Piper was offered a choice between a £1,000 fine and three months' imprisonment. Both men were granted three months to pay.

Shinwell said in his own defence that he wanted to get the house built so his wife, who is expecting another child, could move from the trailer where they are living into a permanent shelter.

The magistrate replied sharply that the need for better housing was no excuse for violating regulations.—United Press.

Resignation Of M. Pleven Rejected

Paris, Feb. 27.

The Prime Minister, M. René Plevin, offered to resign tonight after his government won a confidence vote by a narrow margin, but President Vincent Auriol rejected his resignation. The vote was 243 to 218, with 159 abstentions.

The vote was on the question of how the next legislature will be elected later this year. The electoral reform question was regarded as the hottest political issue in France.

M. Plevin immediately called a special cabinet session to decide whether to accept the vote or whether he should resign in view of the large number of abstentions.—United Press.

Union Leader Sees Labour Minister



Mr Percy Morris MP, President of the Railway Clerks' Association, with the Minister of Labour, Mr Aneurin Bevan, at the Ministry where the breakdown in the talks between the unions and the Railway Executive for settlement of the men's claims was discussed. Agreement was reached later.—Central Press.

He Got His Preparing Gun At Last For Talks

London, Feb. 27.
Commander Hugh C. Skinner, RN learned that he will get the wooden gun he longed for 45 years ago.

Commander Skinner, 52 now and Captain of the Nautical College, went to a birthday party at the age of seven and greatly admired a gun carved from the wooden hull of the U.S. frigate Chesapeake.

His hostess, Mrs Reginald Smith, died recently and willed Commander Skinner the wooden gun and a cigar box.

Other persons were bequeathed £242,000.—United Press.

London, Feb. 27.
The Egyptian Ambassador, Fattah Amra Pasha, will fly to Cairo tomorrow, an Embassy spokesman said today. It is understood that he has been recalled for talks with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah El Din Bey, and the Egyptian Government before the resumption of the discussions on the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936.

The discussions between Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and Salah El Din Bey in London were adjourned last December to enable the two Governments to consider the proposals made.

They are expected to be resumed in London possibly before the end of next month.—Reuter.

Loan Basis For Famine Aid Rejected

Washington, Feb. 27.
The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives today rejected a proposal to put the American Administration's India famine relief programme on a straight loan basis.

The loan proposal was made by Mr John Vorys (Republican, Ohio) as a substitute for a United States gift of 2,000,000 tons of food grains at an estimated cost of \$190,000,000.

Defeat of the Vorys substitute came at a closed door session of the Committee. The vote was not disclosed, but was reported to have been across the party line.—Reuter.

Ban On Reds Demanded

Bonn, Feb. 27.
Dr Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party (CDU), largest in the Bonn Republic, today demanded that the Communist Party (KPD) be outlawed in Western Germany.

Commenting on the establishment of a constitutional court, the CDU press service said: "It is necessary that this court take up its duties with the greatest speed and be put into a position to declare, under Article 9 of the Constitution, that the purpose and activity of official and camouflaged Communist organisations are directed against constitutional order."

The pertinent part of Article 9 reads: "Associations, the objects or activities of which conflict with criminal laws or which are directed against constitutional order or a concept of international understanding, shall be prohibited."—United Press.

Sir John Harding For Rhine

London, Feb. 27.
General Sir John Harding, the Commander-in-Chief of the Far East Land Forces, will become Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine in September this year, the War Office announced tonight.

Lieutenant General Sir Charles Keightley at present Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine, will take over the Far East Land Forces Command in May.—Reuter.

RUSSIA LIKELY TO WOO FRANCE AND ITALIANS

From Alexander Clifford

London, Feb. 26.

There is a whisper going round Europe that Russia is about to offer France and Italy guarantees of neutrality.

The dissident Italian Communists have hinted that the offer will be brought back this spring by Thorez and Togliatti—the French and Italian party leaders who are now somewhat mysteriously in Moscow.

High Swiss sources—often extremely well-informed—suggest that approaches for some sort of a non-aggression pact have already been made. But the more plausible reports speak of a straight offer, possibly plus a suggestion that America signs it too.

There may be absolutely nothing in it. But if there isn't there ought to be. It would be such a brilliantly clever move that we cannot possibly count on Russia not making it. We ought to get ready for it.

The offer would fall like a flame among that smouldering European state of mind which is coming to be known as Neutralism, and the results might be catastrophic.

You cannot travel across Europe and talk to ordinary people—as I have done a lot lately—without realising what a resounding psychological victory the Russians have won in the past year. They have captured the platforms of peace and social reform. In Germany they have captured the platform of German unity and even—by a trick manoeuvre—the slogan of "Free all-German elections."

They have left us the platform of rearmament. And make no mistake about it, the contrast is beginning to tell.

PEACE HOPES

Everyone wants peace, and most people want social reform. All Germans want German unity. No one wants rearmament. By solidly plugging the simple word Peace Communists have burrowed into the ordinary everyday minds of the Continent in a way the West has not been able to counter. It is so much easier to believe someone who endlessly says "I want peace" than it is to believe someone who starts off: "You mustn't believe a word of it. They don't really want peace; they want world domination," etc., etc.

It isn't that simple-minded people are being turned into Communists. Moscow is not aiming at that now. They are being turned into pacifists, people who welcome peace rather than rearmament.

So a neutrality offer to France and Italy could be profoundly disturbing. Many millions would wish desperately to believe in it. The idea would seem so reasonable. A neutral belt would stretch across Europe, for obviously Germany, too, would somehow come into it. There could be no war between East and West, for there would be no battlefield.

If America and Russia must fight, then let them fight the other way round the world. But Europe would be safe. Rearmament would be unnecessary. Men could live in peace and prosperity.

A TRICK

The leaders of Western opinion would—and will—say "It is a trap. We must not believe it. Look at Finland and Lithuania and the other people who signed pacts. It is a trick to get us defenceless."

But it is hard for ordinary decent people to accept a world built on total mistrust. If you are never going to believe what the other side says, on principle, then relations become impossible and war inevitable. And there are millions in Europe who are

still not prepared to accept that.

So the morale of Europe, in its present delicate state, might be shaken to its roots by such a neutrality offer. On that morale depends the effort that will be put into Western defence. And on that depends the future of all of us.

What should we do? Well, a few ideas spring easily to the mind. We could take a few leaves out of Russia's book. We could get her reacting to our tactics instead of vice versa.

Let us make the neutrality offers to Russia's satellites. Instead of hanging back as long as possible before agreeing to Four-Power talks, let us go right into them—with our eyes well open. Let us make the generous peaceful proposals and let Russia be shown up as the refuser.

Our rulers must stop giving the impression that war preparations are the only ideas in their heads. They must at the same time capture the peace initiative. If they keep their wits about them it can do no harm. It may not in the end influence events. But it may most vitally influence the Western European reactions to events.

Spies Get Gaol

Belgrade, Feb. 27.
The District Court of Osijek, in Croatia, has sent seven people to prison for terms of one to 10 years for spying for the Hungarian Intelligence Service, it was announced today by Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency.—Reuter.



Actress Jane Nigh climbing the ladder.

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On Saturday, 3rd March, 1951, at 8:30 p.m. a Concert will be given at the Diocesan Boys' School, Homantin, Kowloon. Among those participating in the Concert are the following: Soloists—Caroline Braga (Piano) and Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor); Conductor—L. T. Ride, Accompanist—E. O'Neill Shaw.

This Concert has been arranged by The Hong Kong Singers in aid of The Mission to Lepers Hong Kong Auxiliary. Proceeds of the Concert will be used to promote the work of The Mission to Lepers Hong Kong Auxiliary to bring medical aid, spiritual and occupational instruction, and support in many other ways to those suffering from Leprosy in Hong Kong.

Bookings can be made at Moutries, and tickets HK\$3, HK\$5, and HK\$10.

The Mission to Lepers Hong Kong Auxiliary is looking forward to meeting many friends and sympathisers of the Auxiliary as well as music lovers, at this Benefit Concert.

CORRUPTION CHARGE ENQUIRY

Bonn Stops All Imports

Bonn, Feb. 27.
The West German Government tonight stopped temporarily all imports from West European countries.
The Government announced a suspension of imports on the free list from the member countries of the European Payments Union last week. The measure was extended today to all imports.
The Government wished to revise its import regulations in the next few days, in accordance with the coming overhaul of the country's whole economic policy, a spokesman said.—Reuter.

Will Mr. Truman Run Again?

Washington, Feb. 27.
The speed with which the States jumped on the two-term bandwagon this year caused political observers to wonder whether President Truman would run for re-election. Some regarded the ratification of the 22nd constitutional amendment as an ethical or moral obstacle to Mr. Truman's re-nomination in 1952.

The necessary 36 States have ratified the amendment, which henceforth limits the presidency to two terms.

Politicians pondered Mr. Truman's reaction to this overwhelming expression of the States against the principle of more than two terms even though the amendment specifically exempts him.

When Mr. Truman's present term is completed, he will have served just about three months short of the equivalent of two terms.

Deadline for action on the amendment by the State legislatures was March, 1954, and it was facing heavy going for enactment. But since Jan. 19, eleven States have ratified it, Utah and Nevada were the 35th and 36th on Monday.

Something suddenly revived interest in the amendment. Politicians were prepared with lots of explanations including one that Mr. Truman perhaps ought to regard it as an expression meaning "don't seek re-election."—United Press.

Truman Gratified By Results Of Dulles Pacific Tour

Washington, Feb. 27.
President Truman today told his special envoy, Mr. John Foster Dulles, to press for a speedy Japanese peace settlement, which Mr. Dulles said would help avert a new war in the Pacific.

Mr. Dulles reported personally to President Truman at the White House on the results of nearly five weeks of talks with leaders in Japan, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand on a Japanese treaty and a Pacific pact.

The White House announced: "Mr. Dulles told the President that in his opinion these conversations had gone far to promote a better understanding and closer agreement as to a Japanese peace settlement which would not only liquidate the old war but erect a bulwark against a new war and new aggression in the Pacific."

Manila Investigation Into Co Pak Vote

Manila, Feb. 27.
A House Committee opens an all-day inquiry today into reported charges that a member of the Deportation Board received 100,000 pesos to vote against the expulsion of the Chinese businessman Co Pak.

The Committee inquiry opens as agents of the National Bureau of Investigation and the Army military intelligence service continue separate investigation of the case on the orders of President Quirino.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs, headed by Representative Disdado Macapagal, will hear all five members of the Deportation Board which had voted four to one against Co Pak's deportation although there allegedly was overwhelming evidence that he had been giving financial support to the Huk and local Chinese Communist movements.

Co Pak recently was banished from the Philippines to Formosa as an "undesirable alien." The simultaneous investigations came as an aftermath to reports that the wife of one member of the Deportation Board deposited 100,000 pesos in a local bank just one day after the same amount was withdrawn by Co Pak's son from another board.

Despite the Deportation Board's recommendation against banishment Co Pak was ordered expelled by President after a study of papers on the case and consultations with advisers, including the Defence Secretary, Mr. Ramon Magsaysay, and the Justice Secretary, Mr. Jose Sengzon.—United Press.

Tiber Reaches Record Height

Rome, Feb. 27.
The swirling yellow waters of the River Tiber reached the record height of 42.65 feet today and for the first time in 15 years threatened sections of Rome.

The river already had flooded two important roads leading from Rome towards North Salaria and Aurelia. About 5,000 hectares of newly-sown wheat land around Rome were covered by the waters, leaving no hope for the badly-needed crop.—United Press.

Shooting Flares Up In Paper War

Buenos Aires, Feb. 27.
Shooting flared up in Buenos Aires today when armed pickets fired on 1,000 newspaper workers who tried to break a boycott against the paper and marched to the printing house to resume work.

Two workers were taken to hospital with chest and head wounds.

La Prensa, an independent paper, has been unobtainable since January 26 when the News-vendors' Union presented an ultimatum demanding 20 percent of the gross income from classified advertisements and that the newspaper should not distribute copies directly to subscribers.

Yesterday 1,300 employees decided to break the Union boycott.

Pickets who tried to set La Prensa's trucks on fire put at least five out of commission. Workers managed to enter the printing house, disarm two gunmen and pull down steel blinds.

One of the wounded died on the way to hospital. The pickets vanished as police reinforcements arrived.—Reuter.

Korean Stand On Parallel

San Francisco, Feb. 27.
The Korean Foreign Minister, Ben Limb, said today that the United Nations decision on re-crossing the 38th Parallel will depend on how strong General MacArthur's forces appear when they reach the Parallel.

Denouncing the Parallel as an "illegal line" which no longer exists, Limb said the military situation (when the Parallel is reached, will decide the diplomatic decision on the question.

He indicated that if the United Nations forces appear to be strong enough to sweep across the Parallel they will be permitted to do so. He said the decision not to cross the Parallel again would like retiring to the bedroom to live to keep peace after the gangsters took over the living room of your house.—United Press.

Big Four Urged To Big Effort

Belgrade, Feb. 27.
The Foreign Minister, Edvard Kardelj, said today that Yugoslavia still believed peace could be preserved, but he added that rearmament of Germany was not the way to go about it.

Answering questions in Parliament, Mr. Kardelj called on the four big powers to take their forthcoming conference seriously. He said if they did then the Big Four meeting would "persuade the world that no one is justified in taking up arms to settle any outstanding question".—United Press.



No, the young lady above is not going riding in that unconventional get-up. She is only displaying some of the charm that won for her the title of Queen of the Annual Rodeo in Palm Springs, California.

Legislative Councillors Walk Out

Port Louis, Feb. 27.
Fourteen of the 19 elected Members of the Mauritius Legislative Council walked out today on permission being refused for an emergency motion on the imprisonment last week of Mr. Guy Rozemont, one of the Members for Port Louis and President of the Labour Party.
Dr. Charles Edgar Millien, another Port Louis Member, asked whether the Supreme Court had notified the President of the Council (the Governor, Sir Hilary Blood) that it had imprisoned Mr. Rozemont for six weeks for "outraging the Magistrature."

(Mr. Rozemont was alleged to have accused three Magistrates of associating with white people "to destroy the coloured people of Mauritius" and said at a public meeting that one Magistrate's judgment had been written by someone else).—Reuter.

Gold Coast "Cabinet" Completed

Accra, Feb. 27.
The Gold Coast's first Executive Council (Cabinet) of 11 was completed today by the appointment of three Europeans who joined in an ex-officio capacity.

They are Mr. Reginald Harry Salway (Colonial Secretary), Minister for Defence and External Affairs, Mr. Robert Percival Armitage (Financial Secretary) Minister for Finance, Mr. Patrick Branigan (Attorney General) Minister for Justice.

British Africa's first Parliament yesterday approved the Governor, Sir Charles Clarke's, choice of eight Africans for the Executive Council. Of these Kwame Nkrumah's "self rule" Convention People's Party received six of the eight seats and had a Cabinet majority, but the Civil Service is outside Parliamentary control and the Governor has a power of veto.—Reuter.

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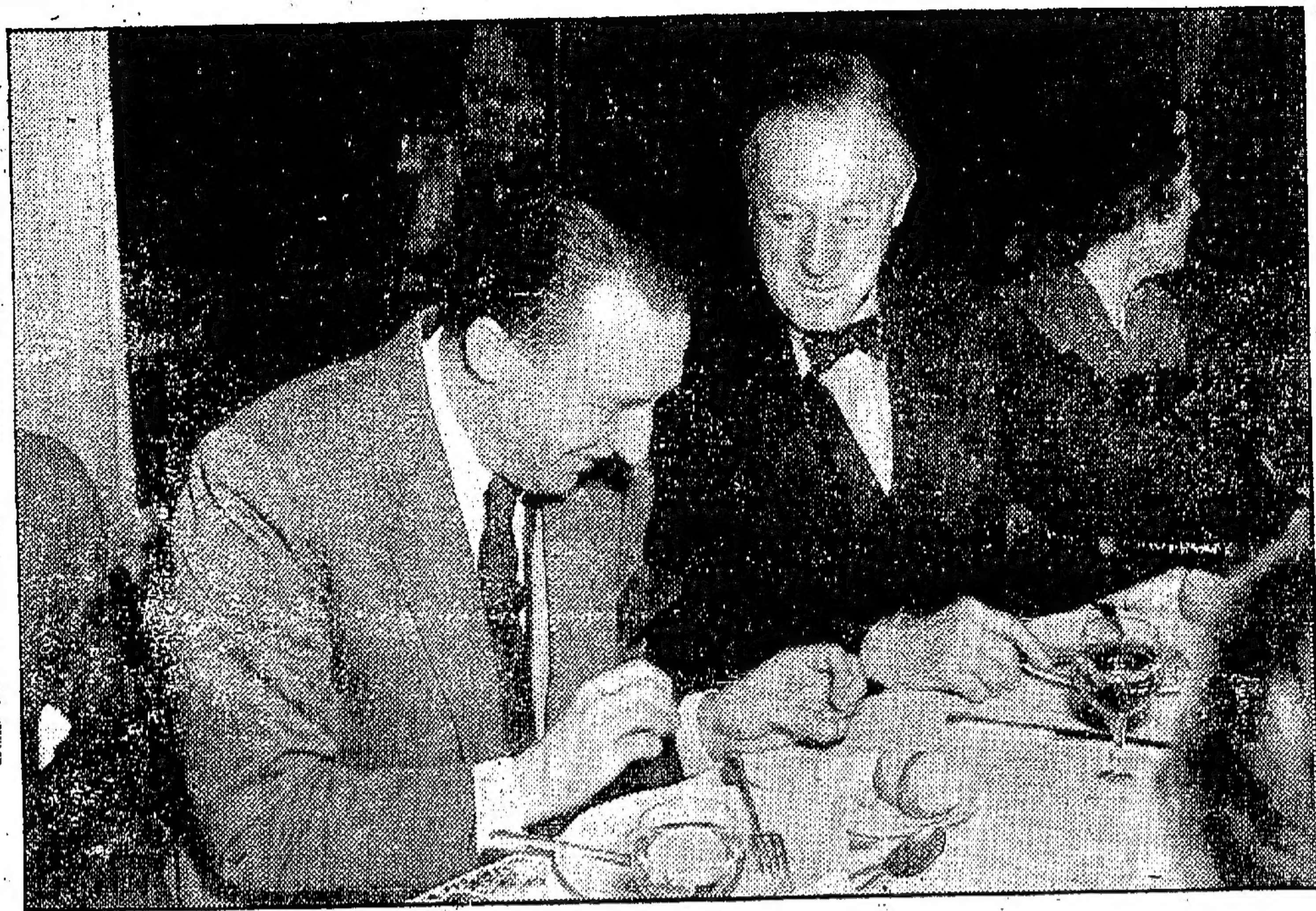
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DRAMATIC SEA RESCUE STORY

Freighter Crew's Four-Day Pacific Ordeal In Lifeboat



What is the conversation when a Past President of the Royal Academy and a star of the music hall stage get together? Sir Alfred Munnings (right) and Charlie Chester exchange confidences over the luncheon table at the Dorchester Hotel in London when they attended Foyle's luncheon in honour of Mr Macqueen Pope, the famous theatre authority and publicist.—Central Press.

Had Only Two Gallons Of Water Left In Boat

Guam, Feb. 27.

Twelve survivors from the storm-wrecked Norwegian freighter Florentine arrived here today aboard the Navy tug Takelma in excellent spirits and good condition after four and a half days in a lifeboat on the open sea.

The senior man in the lifeboat, boatswain Harry Albigtsen of Bergen, Norway, said most of the men in the boat were very young and hardly any had been to sea before, but they stood the ordeal like veterans.

He said the Florentine sank after the steering mechanism failed and the cargo shifted early on Feb. 20.

"We tried to do something about the shifting cargo, but after a few hours' labour we could do no more. I went on the bridge, happened to look over the side and saw part of the hull suddenly thrust into the water. Immediately the ship went into a 60-degree list to port and the Captain ordered abandon ship."

"The first lifeboat cast off with all able seamen aboard. Shortly after, 10 young boys—most on their first ocean trip—the chief machinist Svend Jensen and myself cast off in a second boat."

"Two days after we were out, a plane flew directly over us, criss-crossing back and forth, but didn't see us. Finally, on Saturday, we saw a plane circling overhead and just before dark they dropped its lifeboat. Six hours later we sighted the Takelma."

SWEPT BY WAVE

The youngest member of the Florentine's crew, 17-year-old Tommy Magnusson of Great Falls, Manitoba, Canada, said: "I noticed the engines had stopped and I was told the rudder was out of commission. I kept on with my work until an hour later when all hands were called on deck to try to check the shifting cargo. We could not stop the cargo so we were told to hurry to the galley to get something to eat. The cooks had put the food on the table under the skylight and only a few men had eaten when a wave swept over the ship, down the skylight, soaking the food in salt water."

He added that after the first plane failed to see them "we gave up hope, but Saturday afternoon a plane came over and dropped a lifeboat."

Svend Jensen, 33, of Swenborg, Denmark, who has spent

12 years at sea, said the lifeboat trip was nothing unusual since "this is the fifth ship to go down under me."

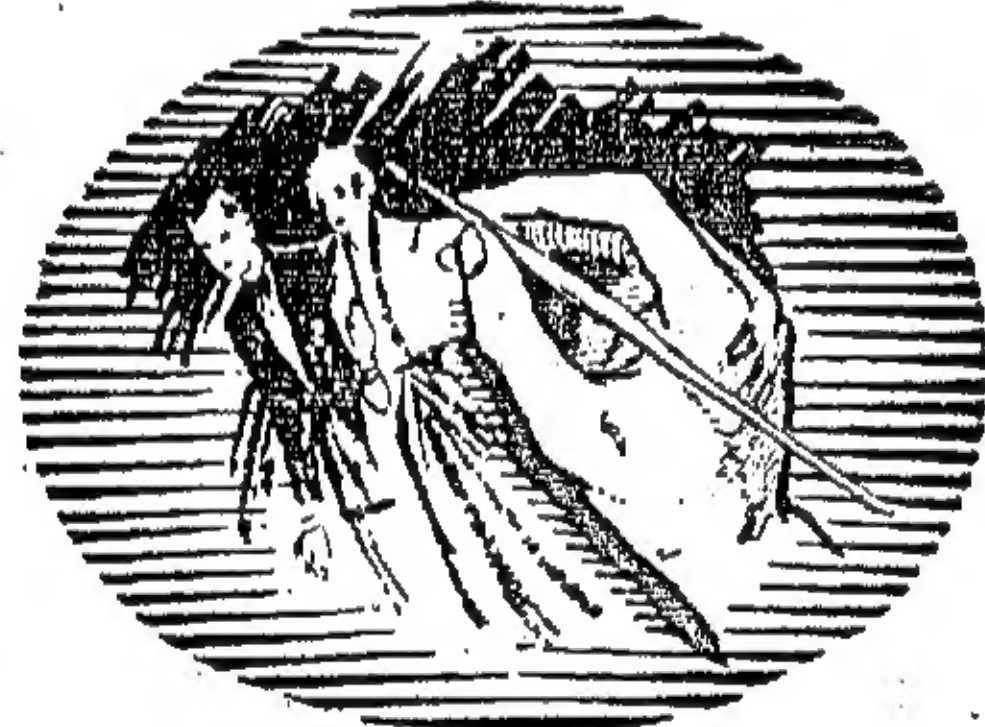
"We had a very small supply of food by the time we were picked up," he said. "We were on a ration of one and a half sardines and a piece of hard-tack, and had only two gallons of water left."—United Press.

Air Passengers' Escape

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Feb. 27.

An airliner carrying 30 people was reported to have crashed near the Municipal Airport here today.

The airlines' office said that first reports were that there were no casualties—all the plane's occupants had walked away from the crash.—Reuter.



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Jewish Congress Protests Against Stay Of Execution

London, Feb. 27.

The World Jewish Congress today made the "sharpest possible protest" against the United States Supreme Court's decision to stay the execution of seven Nazi war criminals in Landsberg Prison, Germany.

Mr Alex Easterman, the Political Director of the Congress, said today: "The high level moves in Washington on behalf of the convicted mass murderers show how hollow are the German professions of repudiation of Nazi criminality and of their intention to observe democratic principles of justice and law."—Reuter.

Washington, Feb. 27. The United States State Department today ordered that the execution of seven convicted Nazi war criminals should be delayed indefinitely pending action on their appeals by the United States Supreme Court.

The State Department announced that today's step was taken after an informal request by the Supreme Court. Its announcement said that the Army

Department had advised the American High Commissioner, Mr John J. McCloy, and General Thomas J. Handy, Occupation Commander, to postpone the executions until further notice.

The seven men have been under sentence of death for about three years.

Their graves had been dug once—and filled in.

Gallows were pitched in the prison yard—and removed.

They have been clothed in blood-red "jackets of death" and taken in—and out of—the condemned cells.—Reuter.

Egyptian Women May Get Vote

Cairo, Feb. 27.

A draft bill granting Egyptian women the right to vote in national elections and sit in either Upper or the Lower Chamber was submitted today to the president of the Lower Chamber.

The bill, presented by the Wafdist Party Deputy Ahmed el Nadary, would modify Egypt's electoral law to give women the right to vote for members of both chambers and to hold seats in either chamber.

The Deputy, in presenting his proposal, said Egyptian women had contributed to the social and economic development of the country and therefore it was natural that they should share the political rights enjoyed by men.

Feminist leaders and suffragettes also sent a memorandum to the legislature demanding the right to vote. The president of the Lower Chamber promised to study the matter.—United Press.

Russians On The Defensive?

New York, Feb. 27.

The New York Times editorial today said: "The latest Soviet note to Britain demonstrates that in trying to justify their imperialistic policy of aggression the Soviets are being forced to resort to a new degree of mendacity."

"If there is one element of hope in this performance it is its querulous tone and absence of the usual Soviet bluster. This suggests that the Soviets are beginning to feel themselves on the defensive before world opinion and their own increasingly restless followers."

"If this means, as Moscow would have the world believe, that it is ready for genuine negotiations the development is welcome. But the note also shows that the East and West are still far apart both in their fundamental assumptions and in their presentation of facts."

The Herald Tribune editorial said: "A sense of strain and uncertainty is clearly detectable both in the recent Soviet note to Britain and in Premier Stalin's Pravda statement."—United Press.

Support For Pacific Pact

Boston, Feb. 27.

The Christian Science Monitor today editorially supported the idea of a Pacific pact, asserting that it would hardly more than regularise obligations already implicit in the situation. It said the pact would evoke reciprocal strength from the entire region as strength has begun to emerge in the nations of the North Atlantic area.

It added that France and Britain should participate in the pact. The editorial also urged a prompt end to the now fictitious enmity with Japan, suggesting a general treaty.

"If Russia could be persuaded to join in such a treaty with a non-aggression compact, the solution would be ideal. The best way to use Russia's potential for peace is to formulate the rest of the world's terms for Japan and offer settlement for Soviet participation."—United Press.

Ex-Minister Gaoled

Tokyo, Feb. 27.

The Tokushima District Court today sentenced Seiichi Okada, former Minister of Transportation, to six months' imprisonment.

Okada was found guilty of violating the election law and regulations governing the use of political funds.—Reuter.

A Czech Warning

Zurich, Feb. 27.

The Czechoslovak Minister, Mr Arnost Tauber, held a Press conference here today to warn Switzerland against the rearming of Western Germany.

Mr Tauber said his nation's security depended upon the complete elimination of Germany as a source of aggression.—United Press.



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SPECULATION ON NEXT MOVES OVER KASHMIR

Lake Success, Feb. 27.

Security Council members today awaited speeches by Sir Benegal Rau of India and Sir Zafrullah Khan, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, before taking attitudes on the Anglo-American resolution on Kashmir.

Sir Benegal and Sir Zafrullah are to address the Council on Thursday and attention centred on Sir Benegal's comments on the preamble of the resolution, which disputes the right of the pro-Indian Kashmir Conference to settle the fate of the State.

Both Britain and the United States have asked India for assurances that the conference will not go ahead with plans for organising a constitutional Kashmir and attempt to solve the Kashmir problem outside the United Nations.

Delegates from the two countries said that any action by the Kashmir Conference along these lines would be a direct challenge to the United Nations and they asked India to disassociate herself from plans which she was understood to be supporting.

It is the belief of diplomats here that the Kashmir question will not approach solution until this question is solved and informed sources said Pakistan would refuse to discuss the substance of a Kashmir settlement until it received full assurances that no Kashmir Constituent Assembly would be convened in Srinagar prior to a United Nations decision.

MAJOR IMPORTANCE

Sir Zafrullah was careful not to comment in a radio Press conference here on Monday but diplomats said the issue was one of paramount importance to Karachi.

The Indians have also refused to comment on the entire matter, but informed sources expected Sir Benegal to say that under the Indian constitution the New Delhi Government has no power of direct interference with Sheikh Abdullah, who heads the pro-Indian Kashmir Government.

Some informants believed there was a possibility that India may introduce a resolution of her own or attempt to amend heavily the Anglo-American draft.—United Press.

South Africans Beat Weather

Tokyo, Feb. 27.

Four South African Mustangs today launched the most successful air strike of what was a bad day for United Nations planes because of the low clouds and poor visibility.

The South Africans claimed about 100 Communists killed or wounded in an early morning assault north of Wonju. Flight Leader Captain Hendrik "Tank" Odendaal, of Pretoria, said that his planes would have got more of the 700 or 800 Communists spotted if it had not been for the low clouds, which made it impossible to get good rocket approach.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S ROLE IN EUROPEAN DEFENCE

Istanbul, Feb. 27.

Closer Anglo-American relations with the Turkish General Staff on Near and Middle East defence were predicted here today by an authoritative source.

They will result from the present series of diplomatic and military talks between Turkey and the Western Powers.

These include the visits recently of Admiral Robert Canney, the United States Commander-in-Chief in the Western Atlantic and the Mediterranean, Mr Thomas Finletter, the United States Secretary for the Air Force, Mr George McGhee, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, and General Sir Brian Robertson, the Commander-in-Chief of the British Land Forces in the Middle East.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 27.

The Turkish Ambassador, Sevat Apikalin, is calling today on Mr Ernest Davies, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, at his own request.

Usually well-informed quarters believe that the Turkish Ambassador wants to discuss the arrangements for associating Turkey with the Atlantic Pact and regarding defence questions in the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean.—Reuter.

RED LEADER SENTENCED

Casablanca, Feb. 27.

Ali Yata, Secretary-General of the Moroccan Communist Party, was sentenced today to two years' imprisonment at Casablanca.

A Frenchman of Algerian origin, Ali Yata had been hiding for several months following an expulsion order issued against him for alleged subversive activities.

He was recently captured by the police.

Another active Moroccan Communist leader, Ferrat Mohammed, was also sentenced to two years' imprisonment.—Reuter.

But Where Is The Major's Horse?



The galloping major seems to be astride an invisible horse in this striking high speed picture of John Law as he appears in the scene, Alhambra Nights, at the Windmill Theatre in London. — Central Press.

Shinwell Quizzed On Germany

London, Feb. 27.

The postponement of the rearming of Western Germany was the subject of questions put to the Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, by international journalists today after he had lunched with the Foreign Press Association.

If the question of rearming Western Germany had been postponed for a year, Mr Shinwell said, the implications of German economy and her production had to be taken into account.

The time for Germany to play her share in the defence of the West had only been postponed until these considerations had been taken into account.

Mr Shinwell said also that Britain had information that a number of schools were being created in Eastern Germany, undoubtedly for the training of members of the Bereitschaften (Communist-controlled armed police) and he described the organisation as "a very sinister business."

Answering further questions, Mr Shinwell said that it was not likely that the United Nations forces could create a strong strategic position in Korea, which might force the Chinese Government to enter into negotiations.

"It may be that if there is a stalemate the Peking Government feel it desirable to enter into negotiations, and that is what we desire," he stated.

He told another questioner that Russia might pursue her policy of fighting wars by proxy elsewhere. There might be an attack on Yugoslavia or by other satellite countries, or an attempt to promote civil disturbances in Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

World Union Premature

Ottawa, Feb. 27.

Mr Lester B. Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, said here that Canada supported a federal union of the world's free countries but believed that at present this would only lead to confusion and possibly tinsanity.

He was speaking in the House of Commons last night on a Socialist-sponsored resolution calling for talks on the possibility of a federal union of the seven original members of the North Atlantic Treaty—Britain, the United States, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The United States Government's view, he said, was that attempts to bring about a union of the original sponsors of the Atlantic Treaty might weaken, rather than strengthen, the North Atlantic community and the United Nations.—Reuter.

Hirohito Host

Tokyo, Feb. 27.

Emperor Hirohito of Japan was host today to seven new members of the Japan Academy of Art at a luncheon in the Imperial Palace. The Education Minister also attended the function.—Reuter.

The Navy Enters The Battle

London, Feb. 27.

The Navy League today opposed as "wholly undesirable" the system of command appointment putting an American Admiral in the post of Supreme Commander for the Atlantic.

Admiral Sir Louis Hamilton, Chairman of the League, whose membership includes Britain's senior Navy men, said the Admiralty should have power to dispose of its ships and squadrons all over the world as occasion demanded.—United Press.

Berlin Mayor In Detroit

Detroit, Feb. 27.

The Mayor of Western Berlin was to leave for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, today after a two-day tour of Detroit's automobile plants and several meetings with labour leaders.

Herr Ernst Reuter spoke on Monday night at the Detroit Institute of Arts and said he had no fear of imminent war in Europe. He said: "I don't have the impression that the Soviets want war. They are not prepared for war, and they realise they would lose a war."

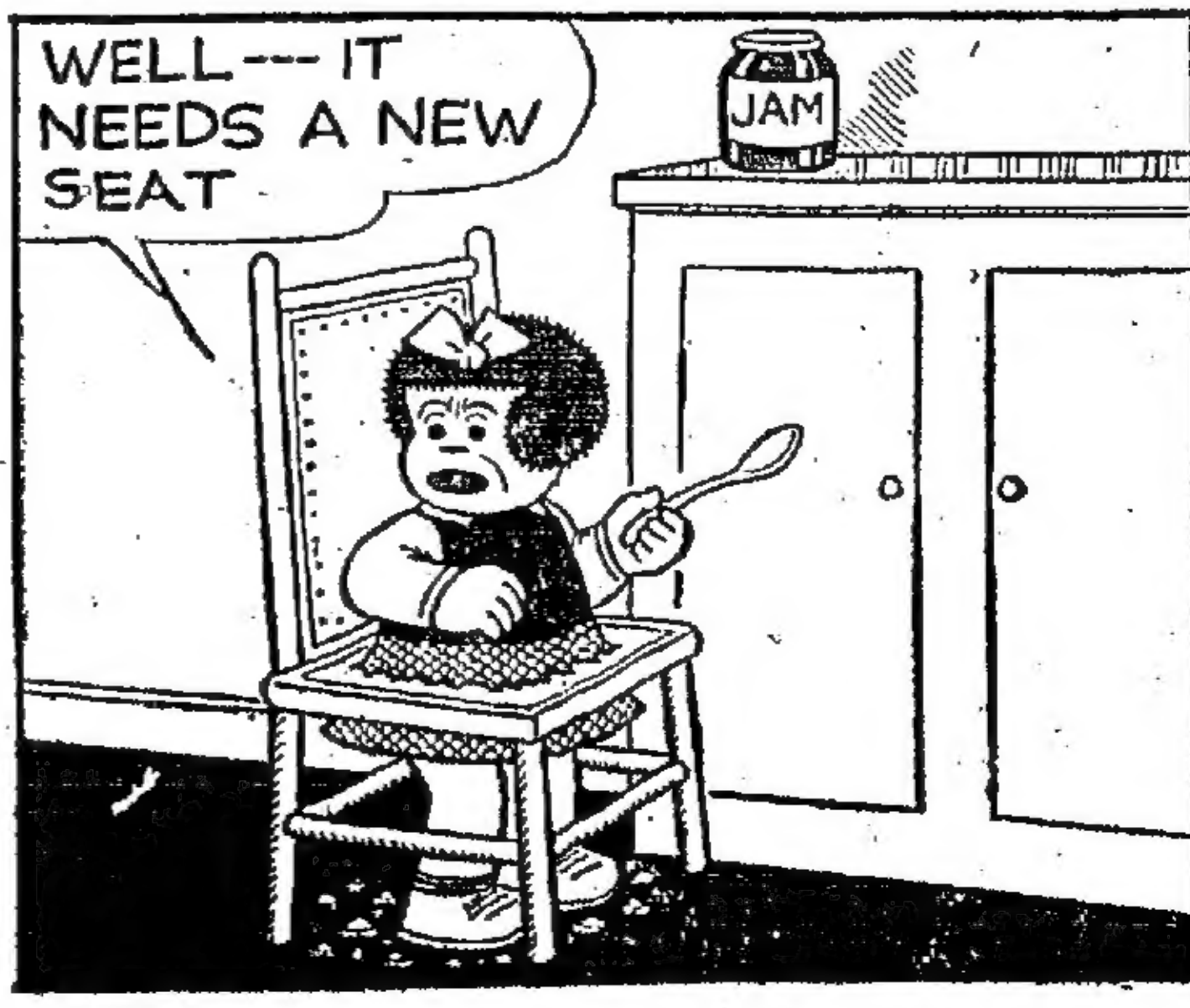
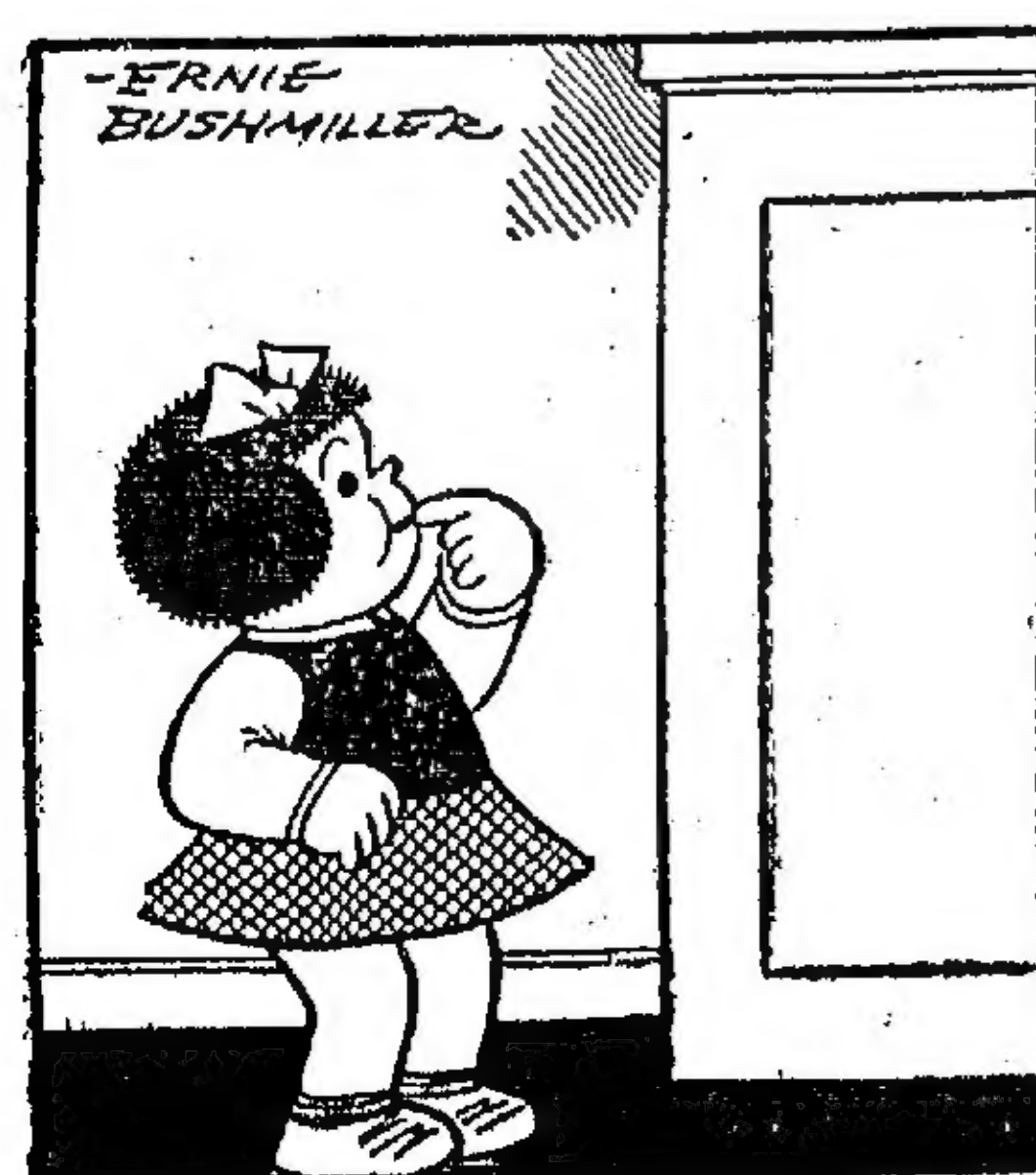
He said: "Strong (American) foreign policy would push the Russians back."

Herr Reuter arrived in Detroit on Sunday and visited several industrial plants on Monday. He then met with C.I.O. officials. He was introduced at Monday night's meeting by Walter Reuther, president of the C.I.O. United Auto Workers Union.—United Press.

NANCY

Bad Break

By Ernie Bushmiller



When there's bif I needn't use my fist!

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WHY COUNTY CRICKETERS GO STALE

There is a significant paragraph in the recently-published 1950 annual report of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club. It says: "Lack of success was due among other things to staleness in the play of the senior professionals towards the end of the season, induced by seven-day-a-week cricket."

Now that hits at something vital, yet not apparent on the surface. Seven days a week, you might reasonably say, surely they mean six? The Committee do not mean any such thing.

The point is that more and more professionals are rallying to the assistance of their brother pros by playing in Sunday matches for current Benefit Matches. Each season there is now at least one player getting a benefit in each county, and on Sundays, after a tiring week in the County Championship, visiting sides repair to pleasant village greens or to the smaller towns and help swell the "kitty".

The playing results in Australia, reflect to some extent the staleness that sets in from this over-employment. I can say that four of our men "Down Under", no names no pack drill, were regular participants in Sunday matches out of the goodness of their hearts.

It must be clear that no man can put in the best part of five months intensive cricket in this country, add Sunday games to it, and then do himself or his country justice in the Tests.

RESTRICTED

Some counties have restricted their professionals' activities to six Sundays a season—Hampshire, Sussex and Somerset among them. In Warwickshire, Old had a benefit last season; Grove gets one this summer, and I cannot see the players suddenly withdrawing their support, although it may once again result in their forfeiting the Championship.

Equally remarkable in the Warwickshire report is the revelation that the county club has spent nearly £30,000 in the last two years on ground improvements at their Edgbaston (Birmingham) headquarters.

It is an amazing sum to have expended, but the club, which is ambitious on and off the field, is to be commended in the way in which it has ploughed back its profits into the game.

Edgbaston is now one of the finest enclosures in the country, and Warwickshire will not rest content until they again have Test Matches there and until they have won the County Championship, as they did under R. E. Foster in 1911.

They could have done it last season when they were the only county to beat the West Indian tourists.

THE CROWD YELLS FOR THE INDOOR FLIER



Flying across as winner, William Dwyer, left, Rhode Island Officials Association, break the thread during a 60-yard dash event at the Millrose Games in New York's Madison Square Garden. Coming in second, with his mouth open, is John O'Connell of Manhattan College, with Fred Jones, N. Y. Pioneer Club, just behind them.

The crowds who flock to the indoor athletic meets in New York and the East Coast cities get so excited over these indoor track races that they are today attracting talent from all the European and Central and South American nations.

Early To Bed

Melbourne, Feb. 27.

All the England players went to bed early tonight, determined to be at their very best for the fifth day of the match which might provide them with a chance of victory.

They realised that they would be faced by doughty opponents who would spare nothing in their efforts to preserve a wonderful postwar Test match record.

Proof of Australia's determination could be seen in the way Hassett and Hole defied the English attack, then at its best, for the last 63 minutes of play today.—Reuter.

CORNELIUS RYAN REPORTS

Middleweights Made The Most Money Out Of Boxing Last Year

The way to make money in boxing in 1950 was not to have a knockout punch (although that might help) but to be foresighted enough to weigh between 155 and 160 pounds.

Paydays came most frequently to the middleweights, and that's what all the boxers are seeking. Of 23 headline boxing events in the Madison Square Garden in 1950, 13 were between middleweights.

That left 10 dates to be divided among seven other weight classes, and the light-heavyweights and lightweights were the chief losers—they got nothing at all. There were four welterweight fights, four heavyweight matches and two featherweight attractions, both involving European champion Ray Fanechon.

The 1950 pattern was no different from that of each postwar year. Middleweights, that class from 148 to 160 pounds inclusive, have dominated the picture, occasionally yielding the spotlight to Joe Louis or to Willie Pep—Sandy Saddler.

The three furious Tony Zale-Rocky Graziano fights, the Marcel Cerdan bouts and the battles among Robert Villmain, Jake LaMotta, Paddy Young, Tuzo Portuguese, Tony Janiro, Laurent Dauthuille, Ray Robinson, Kid Gavilan have kept the division in the news.

Paddy Young was the most active of the 160-pounders in the Garden, with five main events. He boxed a semi-final on January 6, knocked out

Harold Green in one round, and became a main-eventer the next week as a replacement for Steve Belloise.

He lost that bout to Portuguese because of a badly-cut eye, but won a re-match. Then he beat Charley Fusari and Ernie Durando and lost a close decision to Dauthuille. His next Garden opponent is Gavilan in mid-December.

Roland LaStarza was in two of the heavyweight matches, winning from Cesar Brion and losing to Rocky Marciano, and Joe Walcott was in the other two bouts, beating Omello Agramonte and losing to Rex Layne. It wasn't much of a year for heavyweight action.

BIGGEST MYSTERY

The biggest mystery of the 1950 boxing season was that of the vanishing lightweights.

There was not a single main event in Madison Square Garden featuring 135-pounders. The Lightweight Champion, Ike Williams found things so dull in his division that he began an invasion of the welterweights.

"I don't know why the light-

weights had such a bad year," said general manager Harry Markson of the International Boxing Club. "We would have been glad to have some first-rate lightweight bouts in the Garden—if we could have found any. Good lightweights always have been crowd-pleasers—remember Benny Leonard and Tony Canzoneri and Henry Armstrong?"

"Maybe it's that American boys are growing bigger each year," said old-time manager Dan Morgan. "When I was handling fighters there were plenty of small but tough men. Most of those men had sons bigger than themselves."

Army statistics bear out Morgan's theory. Each generation seems to be a little taller and heavier than its parents, perhaps due to better nutrition and vitamins. The crowded division now in boxing is the middleweights at 160 pounds.

The latest National Boxing Association ratings list Williams, Fred Dawson, Art King, Jesse Flores, John L. Davis, Carlos Chavez, Art Aragon and Tommy Campbell in that order.

The only significant lightweight activity has been in California, where Flores, Davis, Aragon and Chavez have been battling each other, with Davis and Aragon emerging with the best records.

King and Williams are managed by the same man, so they can't meet.

There has been speculation that Willie Pep will move up from the featherweight to the lightweight division, which would add some life to the 135-pounders, and Jose Gatica of Argentina provided colour and excitement when he knocked out Terry Young in four rounds.

Gatica is a slugger and his true ability cannot be appraised until he meets a better man than Young, who seems to be through as a fighter.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS



HOOVER TAKES THE TAFT LINE

"Utmost Jeopardy" In Involving U.S. In European War Wherry Insists Russia Must First Be Pulverised By Massive Air Power

Washington, Feb. 27.

Mr Herbert Hoover, former American President, said today that Europe could not be defended with less than 100 divisions.

MOROCCAN CRISIS

Arab Leaders Show Hostility

Casablanca, Feb. 27.
Complete calm prevailed in Rabat, the Moroccan capital, and Casablanca today after the settlement of the crisis in the relations between the Sultan, Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef, and the French Resident General, General Alphonse Juin.

In Fez, the Moslem religious capital, 5,000 armed tribesmen on horseback paraded through the streets yesterday, headed by French and Sherifian flags but there were no clashes.

Detachment of Moroccan elite troops (Goumiers), who are noted for their fidelity to France, had mounted guard outside the Sultan's palace when the tribal horsemen were camping outside Rabat.—Reuter.

ARAB ACTION

Cairo, Feb. 27.
Assam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, declared today the Arab Governments "will take all necessary measures to protect the Sultan of Morocco from becoming a tool of colonialism".

The matter might be raised in the Security Council, he added. Abd el Krim, exiled leader of a revolt in a region of Northern Morocco in the middle 1920's, and now living in Egypt, has appealed to Arab leaders for speedy intervention to "save the Sultan of Morocco from French tyranny and the danger threatening his country's independence".

Assam Pasha said that according to his information the Sultan of Morocco signed "under duress" yesterday's agreement with General Juin, the French Resident-General, providing for reforms which the Sultan had hitherto opposed.—Reuter.

Dock Strike Friction

Wellington, Feb. 27.

New Zealand servicemen began unloading perishable food cargoes from strike-bound ships in New Zealand ports today.

They were called in on Monday after dockers refused to obey the government order to go back to work. The dockers, who have been on strike for a week, gave the servicemen black looks but no incidents were reported.

Seamen, however, are expected to protest against the government refusal to grant the dockers a 40-hour, five-day week by walking off the ships the soldiers unload. In a nationwide broadcast, meanwhile, the Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, told the country: "The government is absolutely fed up and is not going to put up with it any longer. The public is sick and tired of the way waterside workers behave."—United Press.

He declared that there was the "utmost jeopardy" in involving the United States in a land war in Europe.

Mr Hoover was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees on the troops-to-Europe issue.

Mr Hoover said, "It seems to me that there is only one real salvation for Europe at the present moment. That is, to build up the air and naval power of the United States and Britain so as to overwhelm Russia in case of attack".

He was one of several Republican leaders called by the two Committees to give evidence.

Mr Hoover appeared after the Senate Republican leader, Mr Kenneth Wherry, had criticised Mr Thomas Dewey, New York's Governor, and Mr Harold Stassen for their opposition to his resolution banning United States troops for Europe.

Mr Wherry said that if war broke out no American troops should go to Europe "until Russia has been pulverised" by air power.

CART BEFORE HORSE

Sending American troops to Europe now was a "foolish venture," he said, answering questions from the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees on his resolution to forbid troops for European defence until Congress had decided on a policy.

Mr Wherry, who represents a small quasi-isolationist group in the Senate, said he was opposed to making troops commitments to the North Atlantic Pact army until the United States Air Force was developed enough to deliver a "knock out blow" if Russia went to war.

"Then, when Russia has been pulverised, we could send our troops to possess the land," he said.

He added that no American troops should go to Europe before then.

NO WELSHING

Mr Wherry said that the United States would not "wesh" on its commitment to send four more divisions to Europe to join the three already there. But he claimed that Congress "has the right to determine what the character of our aid shall be".

"It is for Congress and not the President—one man—to say what our contribution shall be," he said.

"Whether it is to be a gamble with the lives of American boys for an international army that exists only in paper, or air and sea power which can pulverise the war industrial potential of Russia if she starts a war", Mr Wherry concluded.—Reuter.

HOOVER VIEW

Washington, Feb. 27.

Mr Hoover told the Senate Committees that Congress must play an important role in deciding the issue.

"We cannot stop a sudden Communist avalanche over the continent of Europe with the at present, contemplated land armies," he said.

Any war with the Communists would be world-wide, perhaps leading to Communist invasion of Japan and the Middle East and air attacks on the United States. Mr Hoover believed that even if Spain were taken into the North Atlantic Pact, "my information is that Franco, having no confidence in present plans for

ground forces, would not take his armies out of Spain."

After Mr Hoover's testimony, Senator Harry Cain (Republican) told the Committees it was "obvious that obstacles to treaty membership for Spain, Greece and Turkey are in Europe, not in the United States."—United Press.

HERMIT RUNS AMOK IN NORWAY

Oslo, Feb. 27.

A "mad hermit" who has killed two men, seriously wounded a third and spread terror among lonely Lapp communities, was caught today after Norwegian and Swedish frontier police on skis and in spotter planes had hunted him in the snowy mountains near Navik.

Two Norwegian airmen who landed on a frozen lake during the hunt were found shot today.

The chase began two days ago when a panic-stricken Lapp descended from the mountains and reported that his Swedish companion had been shot and wounded by "a wild man."

They had been attacked as they approached the hermit's mountain cabin for shelter during a storm, he said.

Norwegian and Swedish ski patrols have been following a trail of destruction left by the fugitive. He has burnt down three mountain tourist cabins, broken down 10 shelters used by Lapp reindeer herdsman, and slaughtered several reindeer—apparently wantonly and not for meat, the police said.

The hunted man was obviously a skilled skier and well-used to mountain conditions. Once, when the patrols got near him, he shot wildly at them and escaped in a reindeer sledge.—Reuter.

Token Strike By London Dockers

London, Feb. 27.

London dockers who stopped work today in support of seven colleagues appearing in Court charged with conspiring to incite illegal strikes, will return to work tomorrow while the Court hearing continues.

Eight thousand men were out today in the second successive week of the token strike in protest against the arrest of the men. The case against them was again adjourned today.

There was no stoppage at the Liverpool docks today, where workers last week ended a 17-day strike in support of better pay demands.—Reuter.



HAVING HIS FLING—A Haitian fisherman, in Port-Au-Prince, strikes a statuesque pose as he casts his net in the Bay of Gonave. Such a sight is a common occurrence in this tourist mecca and one that is invariably remembered by travellers who rarely see it done with such expert precision.

Communist Terrorism Predicted

Taipei, Feb. 27.

A spread of Chinese Communist bloodshed and terrorism beyond the mainland aimed at the Chinese who are fighting Red ideology was predicted today by the government spokesman, Shen Chang-huan.

Mr Shen warned all overseas Chinese who enlisted to fight against Communism that the Reds have already set out on a course trailing and eliminating Chinese working against Peking's aims. The assassination of a Nationalist Chinese in Hongkong was only the forerunner of many more acts against the lives of loyal Chinese outside the mainland, Mr Shen said.

Mr Shen said the rallying of non-Kuomintang elements in the fight against Communism is particularly effective in Hongkong and Macao. He said the same is true in Manila, Malaya and the United States.

"Many of those who sincerely and loyally support Li Tsung-jen because they thought he would succeed in the peace overtures with the Communists while acting as President have seen they were in error. Many of them are now actively supporting the Nationalist Government."—United Press.

Mount Asama Active

Tokyo, Feb. 27.

The famous Mount Asama today gave a giant puff shooting smoke 3,000 feet into the air. The local observatory reported, however, that there were no signs that the active volcano would erupt violently.—Reuter.

FRANCE TO IGNORE NOTE

Paris, Feb. 27.

The French Government has decided not to reply to the last note received on January 20 from Moscow, accusing France of violating the terms of the Franco-Soviet Pact.

A spokesman of the French Foreign Office said today: "The reply the Soviet Government addressed to London on February 24 shows that public discussion does not contribute to the lessening of international tension."—Reuter.

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